

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

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Right... ... Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to **RIGHT GUIDE**, 1389 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

Subsistence allowances.—This week's column is devoted to questions and answers regarding the new increased subsistence payments for veterans pursuing full-time courses in schools, colleges and universities. It is believed this information will answer many of the questions recently received by Right Guide on this subject.

Question: What is the rate of the new increased subsistence?

Answer: The new rate is \$75 a month for veterans without dependents, \$105 a month for veterans with one dependent, and \$120 a month for a veteran with more than one dependent.

Question: What types of training for veterans are not entitled to the new increased subsistence?

Answer: Veterans taking any of the following types of training are not entitled to increased payments at the old rate of \$65 a month for those without dependents and \$90 for those with dependents: (1) Part-time institutional training (2) Institutional on-farm training (3) Apprenticeship or other on-the-job training for which veterans receive compensation for productive labor (4) Combination or cooperative training in which students attend school part-time, usually in a related field (5) Internship and residency training (6) Graduate training under a fellowship requiring a reduced credit course load because of services rendered under provisions of the fellowship.

Question: Are both disabled and non-disabled veterans covered by the new law?

Answer: Yes, the new law provides increased subsistence to disabled veterans taking full-time courses under Public Law 16, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and to non-disabled veterans studying full-time under Public Law 346, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, commonly referred to as the "G.I. Bill."

Question: Will it help expedite matters if I write, telephone or visit my nearest V.A. office?

Answer: Quite the contrary. Increasing the payments of an estimated 70,000 full-time student-veterans in the Los Angeles area involves a tremendous amount of work. Veterans can help speed the processing of their increases by refraining from writing or calling the V.A. unless they are instructed to do so.

Question: Will the increased payments be automatic?

Answer: The increases from \$65 to \$75 and from \$90 to \$105 dollars will be automatic in pay checks due on or about May 1. Eligible veterans with more than one dependent will receive instructions with pay checks due on March 31 on the method of applying for the further increase to \$120.

Question: Have the wage ceiling limitations of \$175 per month for single trainees with no dependents and \$200 per month for trainees with dependents been increased under this law?

Answer: No. Public Law 411, which increases subsistence allowances for veterans pursuing full-time courses in schools, colleges and universities, does not increase the wage ceiling.

BOBBY SOX By Marty Links



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